UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY AND PLANT QUARANTINE
DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICES

MEXICAN FRUITFLY QUARANTINE; FURTHER EXTENSION OF HARVESTING SEASON

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine by § 301.64-5 (a) of the regulations supplemental to the Mexican fruitfly quarantine (7 CFR 1945 Supp. §§ 301.64-1 through 301.64-7), the following administrative instructions are hereby adopted:

§ 301.64-5e Administrative instructions; extending throughout the year 1948 the harvesting season under requirements of the Mexican fruitfly regulations. The present harvesting season for grapefruit, sweet limes, and "sour" and "bittersweet" oranges in the regulated area is hereby extended from midnight July 31, 1948 throughout the year. (Sec. 8, 37 Stat. 318, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 161)

The purpose of this action is to extend the harvesting period for these fruits beyond that provided for in administrative instructions effective July 17, 1948 (B. E. P. Q. 568, Supplement No. 1), 13 F.R. 4008, which extended the harvesting season from midnight July 17, 1948, until midnight July 31, 1948.

This further extension, which will bring the shipping season for grapefruit, sweet limes, "sour" and "bittersweet" oranges in line with that for sweet oranges and other regulated citrus fruits, is needed because the available labor supply and conditions in the groves have delayed harvesting of the crop. The pest risk involved will not be increased since sterilization of the 1947-48 crop of grapefruit will be required throughout the shipping season. Trapping and grove inspection will be conducted during the summer and fall to ascertain if infestations exist within the groves or if the maturing 1948-49 crop is exposed to infestations, and marketing of the new crop in the fall of 1948 will be subject to such safeguards as are deemed necessary.

It is necessary that these administrative instructions, which relieve restrictions, become effective at once in order to permit the growers to plan their harvesting activities accordingly. For the reasons stated, it is found upon good cause, pursuant to provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act (60 Stat. 238), that notice and public procedure on these administrative instructions are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest and good cause is found for making them effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

This action in extending the shipping season is taken in concurrence with the appropriate regulatory officials of the State of Texas.

Done at Washington, D. C., this 30th day of July 1948.

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